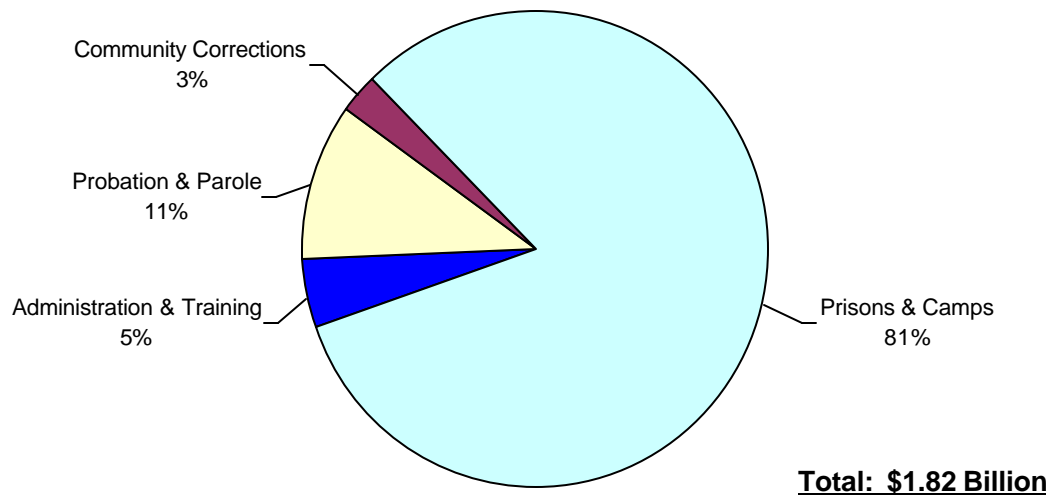


Department of Corrections

The Department of Corrections performs an important role in promoting public safety for the residents of the State of Michigan by providing custody and care for incarcerated felons and maintaining oversight and supervision of parolees and felony probationers. The Governor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2005 recommends total funding of \$1.82 billion, of which \$1.74 billion is general fund.

Over 80% of Costs are for Prison Operations



Department Priorities

- Imprison Michigan's most dangerous criminals.
- Work collaboratively with law enforcement to apprehend Michigan's most dangerous fugitives.
- Implement the Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative that will reduce the state's costly recidivism rate by better preparing inmates for release and improving the parole system.
- Expand the use of local sanctions in order to allow communities to determine appropriate sanctions for low risk probationers and parolees who would otherwise be sent to prison.
- Work with the Legislature to revise Michigan's Sentencing Guidelines so that more efficient use of state and local resources can be targeted for higher risk felons.
- Work cooperatively with the Judiciary on the efficient use of drug courts for alcohol and drug addicted felons who would otherwise be sentenced to prison.

Corrections Budget Highlights

- ◆ The number of prisoners in state correctional facilities increased by over 18,000 from 1990 through 2002—an increase of over 58 percent. Through successful early implementation of the department's Five Year Plan to Control Prison Growth, started in 2003, the number of prisoners declined for the first time in 20 years.
- ◆ The early successes of the Five Year Plan cannot be sustained without continued action. Governor Granholm proposes modifications in existing sentencing guidelines to help delay the need to build more prison beds. The recommended changes, which do not alter the Truth In Sentencing law, will bring probation violators into the existing sentencing guidelines structure and make adjustments to sentencing guidelines for certain crime classes. The Executive Recommendation includes an adjustment of \$2.9 million in local reinvestment funds to help achieve the desired outcomes of the sentencing changes. The additional funding, to be allocated through Community Corrections programs, will help local governments fund needed jail space and community-based programs.
- ◆ Benefits from the Five Year Plan will allow one prison to close in 2004. Western Wayne Correctional Facility near Plymouth will be closed, with the female prisoners in the facility transferred to another facility in Ypsilanti which will be converted to a female prison. Western Wayne Correctional Facility, which is located on the grounds of the former Detroit House of Corrections, is an old facility that is comparatively expensive to operate as a minimum security prison. The newer Huron Valley Center is currently underutilized and operations there will be optimized by this change.
- ◆ The Executive Recommendation includes over \$28.5 million in savings for the Department of Corrections. These savings are in addition to an unspecified budgetary savings adjustment of \$14.9 million in the current budget, bringing the total savings for the department to almost \$45 million. The Executive Budget proposes a combination of strategies to achieve these savings including the closure of the Western Wayne women's correctional facility, security adjustments through increased use of technology, revisions to the inmate transportation system, health and dental efficiencies, continuation of the hiring freeze, consolidation of various functions, and technical adjustments to recognize administrative savings already implemented in the current year.
- ◆ Female prison bed capacity reached a critical level by the end of 2003. A significant contributing factor for female bedspace is the lack of sufficient reintegration plans for women who are eligible for parole. The department has designed a female parolee residential program to improve success on parole. The Executive Recommendation includes an adjustment of \$3.5 million to fund 154 beds in privately operated community residential programs for female parolee placement. This initiative will avert the need to construct additional prison beds for female inmates.

- ◆ A key component of the mission of the Department of Corrections is the supervision of felony offenders through probation and parole oversight in the community. The department currently supervises over 73,000 such offenders in Michigan through its Field Operations Administration. During fiscal year 2003 the caseload increased by over 2,100 offenders. The fiscal year 2005 Executive Recommendation includes an adjustment of \$2.3 million to hire additional parole and probation staff to safely supervise probationers and parolees in the community.
- ◆ Included in the fiscal year 2005 Executive Recommendation is an adjustment of \$5.9 million for the testing and treatment of Hepatitis C within the prisoner population. The department is currently conducting a study to determine the incidence of this chronic blood-borne disease in the prisoner population. Nationally, the infection rate for prisoners is estimated to be much higher than the population at large. The department will complete its intake-based study by April 1, 2004. Once the study is complete and funding is appropriated, a protocol for testing and treatment will commence.
- ◆ The fiscal year 2005 Executive Recommendation includes adjustments for several other prisoner health care issues. An adjustment of \$1.2 million is made for increased pharmaceutical costs. An adjustment reflecting operational efficiencies in the department's prisoner medical and dental care program will yield savings of \$1.0 million. Also included in the health care area is the removal of one-time funding for endoscopy equipment, saving \$187,400.
- ◆ The Executive Recommendation replaces \$18.0 million in federal Violent Offender Incarceration/Truth In Sentencing (VOI/TIS) funding with general fund to continue operation of the 480 bed Youth Correctional Facility. Federal funding for this program has ended. Over \$100 million in VOI/TIS funding has been used for various capital outlay prison construction projects and operation of the Youth Correctional Facility since fiscal year 2000.
- ◆ Included in the Executive Recommendation is an adjustment of \$1.1 million for a new employee school. The department currently employs more than 9,000 corrections officers who maintain security for the department's prisons, camps, technical rule violation centers, and corrections centers. The funding will train up to 277 new recruits to staff new prisoner beds opening during 2004 and 2005, and to fill corrections officer positions that become vacant due to retirement and normal attrition.
- ◆ Employing approximately one-third of the state government workforce, the Department of Corrections is the largest department in terms of staffing. Employee-related economic adjustments totaling \$156.8 million gross, \$152.4 million general fund are included in the Executive Recommendation for projected increases in salary and wages, insurance, and retirement costs. Due to the state's current revenue problems, the recommended budget also includes a savings adjustment of \$46.3 million to partially offset these employee-related economic costs.

Fiscal Year 2005 Governor's Recommendation Department of Corrections (\$ in Thousands)			
	FY03 Appropriation	FY04 Current Law	FY05 Recommended
GF/GP	\$1,599,803.2	\$1,609,272.3	\$1,742,962.5
All Funds	\$1,685,406.8	\$1,705,772.5	\$1,824,618.9
	% Change - GF/GP	0.6%	8.3%
	% Change - All Funds	1.2%	7.0%

Program	GF/GP	All Funds
Prison and Camp Operations	\$1,474,821.9	\$1,495,434.0
Probation and Parole Oversight	\$160,846.5	\$196,129.1
Department Administration	\$64,577.9	\$69,238.0
Community Corrections Services	\$28,107.1	\$48,699.2
Information Technology Services and Projects	\$14,609.1	\$15,118.6
Total FY 2005 Recommendation	\$1,742,962.5	\$1,824,618.9